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CASUALTY MESSAGE

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TAGS: CDES, UK (REISE, BARBARA MARIE)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF BARBARA MARIE REISE, USC

TO: MRS. ELIZABETH SWAN
5207 SOUTH DORCESTER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60615
TEL. NO: (312) 643-3435

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I HAVE TO INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SISTER, BARBARA MARIE REISE, BORN IN CHICAGO ON FEBRUARY 21, 1940. THE CORONER'S OFFICE FOR THE ST. PANCRAS DISTRICT OF LONDON NOTIFIED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, ENGLAND, TODAY, JANUARY 26 THAT HER BODY WAS FOUND AT HER RESIDENCE, 30 ALMA ST., KENTISH TOWN, LONDON N.W.5, AND SHE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN DEAD FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS. AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 27 TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH. AN INQUEST INTO HER DEATH IS TO BE HELD.

2. SHE WAS IDENTIFIED BY HER BRITISH SOLICITOR, ROGER WESTON, OF THE FIRM OF WALTER, JENNINGS & SON, 189 KENTISH TOWN ROAD, LONDON N.W.5, TEL. NO. 01-377-0107.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SAFE-
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GUARD HER PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SISTER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE

UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO CHICAGO WOULD COST \$1200.00. CREMATIONS AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO CHICAGO WOULD COST \$550.00. LOCAL DISPOSITION OF ASHES WOULD COST \$500.00. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, IN PRIVATE GRAVE, THE COST WOULD BE \$700. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, ENGLAND AND INCLUDE NAME OF DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. IF SHIPMENT OF REMAINS DESIRED, ALSO INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT TO ACT AS CONSIGNEE FOR REMAINS. (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AT 6 HAYMARKET, LONDON S.W.1, ENGLAND PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 3 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED AFTER RECEIPT OF FUNDS, IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU OR THE NEXT OF KIN.

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7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION BY PHONING 01-499-9000, EXTENSION 553 DURING OFFICE HOURS, OR AFTER OFFICE HOURS ASK FOR THE DUTY OFFICER.

8. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR SAD LOSS.

CHIEF, SPECIAL CONSULAR BRANCH
UNITED STATES EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND

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